

# CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREMS FOR NON-INVERTIBLE MEASURE PRESERVING MAPS

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**ABSTRACT.** Using the Perron-Frobenius operator we establish a new functional central limit theorem result for non-invertible measure preserving maps that are not necessarily ergodic. We apply the result to asymptotically periodic transformations and give an extensive specific example using the tent map.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is motivated by the question “How can we produce the characteristics of a Wiener process (Brownian motion) from a semi-dynamical system?”. This question is intimately connected with central limit theorems for non-invertible maps and various invariance principles. Many results on central limit theorems and invariance principles for maps have been proved, see e.g. the surveys Denker [5] and Mackey and Tyran-Kamińska [17]. These results extend back over some decades, and include the work of Boyarsky and Scarowsky [3], Gouëzel [8], Jabłoński and Malczak [12], Rousseau-Egele [25], and Wong [32] for the special case of maps of the unit interval. Martingale approximations, developed by Gordin [7], were used by Keller [13], Liverani [16], Melbourne and Nicol [19], Melbourne and Török [20], and Tyran-Kamińska [27], to give more general results.

Throughout this paper,  $(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  denotes a probability measure space and  $T : Y \rightarrow Y$  a non-invertible measure preserving transformation. Thus  $\nu$  is invariant under  $T$  *i.e.*  $\nu(T^{-1}(A)) = \nu(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ . The transfer operator  $\mathcal{P}_T : L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \rightarrow L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ , by definition, satisfies

$$\int \mathcal{P}_T f(y) g(y) \nu(dy) = \int f(y) g(T(y)) \nu(dy)$$

for all  $f \in L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  and  $g \in L^\infty(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ .

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Let  $h \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  with  $\int h(y)\nu(dy) = 0$ . Define the process  $\{w_n(t) : t \in [0, 1]\}$  by

$$(1.1) \quad w_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{[nt]-1} h \circ T^j \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 1], \quad n \geq 1$$

(the sum from 0 to  $-1$  is set equal to 0), where  $[x]$  denotes the integer part of  $x$ . For each  $y$ ,  $w_n(\cdot)(y)$  is an element of the Skorohod space  $D[0, 1]$  of all functions which are right continuous and have left-hand limits equipped with the Skorohod topology.

$$\rho_S(\psi, \tilde{\psi}) = \inf_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \left( \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |\psi(t) - \tilde{\psi}(s(t))| + \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |t - s(t)| \right), \quad \psi, \tilde{\psi} \in D[0, 1],$$

where  $\mathcal{S}$  is the family of strictly increasing, continuous mappings  $s$  of  $[0, 1]$  onto itself such that  $s(0) = 0$  and  $s(1) = 1$  [1, Section 14].

Let  $\{w(t) : t \in [0, 1]\}$  be a standard Brownian motion. Throughout the paper the notation

$$w_n \rightarrow^d \sqrt{\eta}w,$$

where  $\eta$  is a random variable independent of the Brownian process  $w$ , denotes the weak convergence of the sequence  $w_n$  in the Skorohod space  $D[0, 1]$ .

Our main result, which is proved using techniques similar to those in Peligrad and Utev [22] and Peligrad et al. [23], is the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $T$  be a non-invertible measure-preserving transformation on the probability space  $(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $T$ -invariant sets. Suppose  $h \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  with  $\int h(y)\nu(dy) = 0$  is such that*

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_T^k h \right\|_2 < \infty.$$

Then

$$(1.3) \quad w_n \rightarrow^d \sqrt{\eta}w,$$

where  $\eta = E_\nu(\tilde{h}^2 | \mathcal{I})$  and  $\tilde{h} \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  is such that  $\mathcal{P}_T \tilde{h} = 0$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (h - \tilde{h}) \circ T^j \right\|_2 = 0.$$

Recall that  $T$  is *ergodic* (with respect to  $\nu$ ) if, for each  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $T^{-1}(A) = A$ , we have  $\nu(A) \in \{0, 1\}$ . Thus if  $T$  is ergodic then  $\mathcal{I}$  is a trivial  $\sigma$ -algebra, so  $\eta$  in (1.3) is a constant random variable. Consequently, Theorem 1 significantly generalizes Tyran-Kamińska [27, Theorem 4], where it was assumed that  $T$  is ergodic and there is  $\alpha < 1/2$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_T^k h \right\|_2 = O(n^\alpha)$$

(We use the notation  $b(n) = O(a(n))$  if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} b(n)/a(n) < \infty$ ).

Usually, in proving central limit theorems for specific examples of transformations one assumes that the transformation is mixing. For non-invertible ergodic transformations for which the transfer operator is quasi-compact on some subspace  $F \subset L^2(\nu)$  with norm  $\|\cdot\| \geq \|\cdot\|_2$ , the central limit theorem and its functional version was given in Melbourne and Nicol [19]. Since quasicompactness implies exponential decay of the  $L^2$  norm, our result applies, thus extending the results of Melbourne and Nicol [19] to the non-ergodic case. For examples of transformations in which the decay of the  $L^2$  norm is slower than exponential and our results apply, see Tyran-Kamińska [27].

In the case of invertible transformations, non-ergodic versions of the central limit theorem and its functional generalizations were studied in Volný [28, 29, 30, 31] using martingale approximations. In a recent review by Merlevède et al. [21], the weak invariance principle was studied for stationary sequences  $(X_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  which, in particular, can be described as  $X_k = X_0 \circ T^k$ , where  $T$  is a measure preserving invertible transformation on a probability space and  $X_0$  is measurable with respect to a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_0$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset T^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_0)$ . Choosing a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_0$  for a specific example of invertible transformation is not an easy task and the requirement that  $X_0$  is  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable may sometimes be too restrictive (see [4, 16]). Sometimes, it is possible to reduce an invertible transformation to a non-invertible one (see [20, 27]). Our result in the non-invertible case extends Peligrad and Utev [22, Theorem 1.1], which is also to be found in Merlevède et al. [21, Theorem 11], where a condition introduced by Maxwell and Woodroffe [18] is assumed. In Tyran-Kamińska [27] the condition was transformed to Equation (1.2). In the proof of our result we use Theorem 4.2 in Billingsley [1] and approximation techniques which was motivated by Peligrad and Utev [22]. The corresponding maximal inequality in our non-invertible setting is stated in Proposition 1 and its proof, based on ideas of Peligrad et al. [23], is provided in Appendix A for completeness. As in Peligrad and Utev [22], the random variable  $\eta$  in Theorem 1 can also be obtained as a limit in  $L^1$ , which we state in Appendix B.

The outline of the paper is as follows. Following the presentation of some background material in Section 2, we turn to a proof of our main result Theorem 1 in Section 3. Section 4 introduces asymptotically periodic transformations as a specific example of a system to which Theorem 1 applies. We analyze the specific example of an asymptotically periodic family of tent maps in Section 4.4.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

The definition of the Perron-Frobenius (transfer) operator for  $T$  depends on a given  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\mu$  on the measure space  $(Y, \mathcal{B})$  with respect to which  $T$  is nonsingular, *i.e.*  $\mu(T^{-1}(A)) = 0$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $\mu(A) = 0$ . Given such a measure the *transfer operator*  $P : L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \mu) \rightarrow L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$  is

defined as follows. For any  $f \in L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$ , there is a unique element  $Pf$  in  $L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \int_A Pf(y) \mu(dy) = \int_{T^{-1}(A)} f(y) \mu(dy) \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{B}.$$

This in turn gives rise to different operators for different underlying measures on  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus if  $\nu$  is invariant for  $T$ , then  $T$  is nonsingular and the transfer operator  $\mathcal{P}_T : L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \rightarrow L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  is well defined. Here we write  $\mathcal{P}_T$  to emphasize that the underlying measure  $\nu$  is invariant under  $T$ .

The Koopman operator is defined by

$$U_T f = f \circ T$$

for every measurable  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . In particular,  $U_T$  is also well defined for  $f \in L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  and is an isometry of  $L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  into  $L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ , i.e.  $\|U_T f\|_1 = \|f\|_1$  for all  $f \in L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ . Since the measure  $\nu$  is finite, we have  $L^p(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \subset L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  for  $p \geq 1$ . The operator  $U_T : L^p(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \rightarrow L^p(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  is also an isometry on  $L^p(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ .

The following relations hold between the operators  $U_T, \mathcal{P}_T : L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \rightarrow L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{P}_T U_T f = f \quad \text{and} \quad U_T \mathcal{P}_T f = E_\nu(f | T^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$$

for  $f \in L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ , where  $E_\nu(\cdot | T^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) : L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \rightarrow L^1(Y, T^{-1}(\mathcal{B}), \nu)$  is the operator of conditional expectation. Note that if the transformation  $T$  is invertible then  $U_T \mathcal{P}_T f = f$  for  $f \in L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $T$  be a non-invertible measure-preserving transformation on the probability space  $(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $T$ -invariant sets. Suppose that  $h \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  is such that  $\mathcal{P}_T h = 0$ . Then*

$$w_n \rightarrow^d \sqrt{\eta} w,$$

where  $\eta = E_\nu(h^2 | \mathcal{I})$  is a random variable independent of the Brownian motion  $\{w(t) : t \in [0, 1]\}$ .

*Proof.* When  $T$  is ergodic, a direct proof based on the fact that the family

$$\{T^{-n+j}(\mathcal{B}), \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} h \circ T^{n-j} : 1 \leq j \leq n, n \geq 1\}$$

is a martingale difference array is given in Mackey and Tyran-Kamińska [17, Appendix A] and uses the Martingale Central Limit Theorem (cf. Billingsley [2, Theorem 35.12]) together with the Birkhoff Ergodic Theorem. This can be extended to the case of non-ergodic  $T$  by using a version of the Martingale Central Limit Theorem due to Eagleson [6, Corollary p. 561].  $\square$

**Example 1.** *We illustrate Theorem 2 with an example. Let  $T : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined by*

$$T(y) = \begin{cases} 2y, & y \in [0, \frac{1}{4}) \\ 2y - \frac{1}{2}, & y \in [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}) \\ 2y - 1, & y \in [\frac{3}{4}, 1]. \end{cases}$$

Observe that the Lebesgue measure on  $([0, 1], \mathcal{B}([0, 1]))$  is invariant for  $T$  and that  $T$  is not ergodic since  $T^{-1}([0, \frac{1}{2}]) = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  and  $T^{-1}([\frac{1}{2}, 1]) = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . The transfer operator is given by

$$\mathcal{P}_T f(y) = \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{1}{2}y\right) 1_{[0, \frac{1}{2}]}(y) + \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{2}\right) 1_{[\frac{1}{2}, 1]}(y).$$

Consider the function

$$h(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & y \in [0, \frac{1}{4}) \\ -1, & y \in [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}), \\ -2, & y \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}), \\ 2, & y \in [\frac{3}{4}, 1]. \end{cases}$$

A straightforward calculation shows that  $\mathcal{P}_T h = 0$  and  $E_\nu(h^2|\mathcal{I}) = 1_{[0, \frac{1}{2}]} + 4 1_{[\frac{1}{2}, 1]}$ . Thus Theorem 2 shows that

$$w_n \rightarrow^d \sqrt{E_\nu(h^2|\mathcal{I})} w.$$

In particular, the one dimensional distribution of the process  $\sqrt{E_\nu(h^2|\mathcal{I})} w$  has a density equal to

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2t}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{8t}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In general, for a given  $h$  the equation  $\mathcal{P}_T h = 0$  may not be satisfied. Then the idea is to write  $h$  as a sum of two functions, one of which satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 2 while the other is irrelevant for the convergence to hold. At least a part of the conclusions of Theorem 1 is given in the following

**Theorem 3** (Tyran-Kamińska [27, Theorem 3]). *Let  $T$  be a non-invertible measure-preserving transformation on the probability space  $(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ . Suppose  $h \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  with  $\int h(y) \nu(dy) = 0$  is such that (1.2) holds. Then there exists  $\tilde{h} \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_T \tilde{h} = 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (h - \tilde{h}) \circ T^j$  converges to zero in  $L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

We will use the following two results for subadditive sequences.

**Lemma 1** (Peligrad and Utev [22, Lemma 2.8]). *Let  $V_n$  be a subadditive sequence of nonnegative numbers. Suppose that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-3/2} V_n < \infty$ . Then*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{V_{m2^j}}{2^{j/2}} = 0.$$

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $V_n$  be a subadditive sequence of nonnegative numbers. Then for every integer  $r \geq 2$  there exist two positive constants  $C_1, C_2$  (depending on  $r$ ) such that*

$$C_1 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{V_{r^j}}{r^{j/2}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_n}{n^{3/2}} \leq C_2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{V_{r^j}}{r^{j/2}}.$$

*Proof.* When  $r = 2$ , the lemma follows from Lemma 2.7 in Peligrad and Utev [22], the proof of which can be easily extended to the case of arbitrary  $r > 2$ .  $\square$

### 3. MAXIMAL INEQUALITY AND THE PROOF OF THEOREM 1

We start by first stating our key maximal inequality which is analogous to Proposition 2.3 in Peligrad and Utev [22].

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $n, q$  be integers such that  $2^{q-1} \leq n < 2^q$ . If  $T$  is a non-invertible measure-preserving transformation on the probability space  $(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  and  $f \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ , then*

$$(3.1) \quad \left\| \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} f \circ T^j \right\| \right\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \left( 3 \|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 + 4\sqrt{2} \Delta_q(f) \right),$$

where

$$(3.2) \quad \Delta_q(f) = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^k f \right\|_2.$$

In what follows we assume that  $T$  is a non-invertible measure-preserving transformation on the probability space  $(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $h \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ . Define*

$$(3.3) \quad h_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h \circ T^j \quad \text{and} \quad w_{k,m}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{[kt]-1} h_m \circ T^{mj}$$

for  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . If  $m$  is such that the sequence  $\|\max_{1 \leq l \leq k} |w_{k,m}(l/k)|\|_2$  is bounded then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_{n,1}(t) - w_{[n/m],m}(t)| \right\|_2 = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $k_n = [n/m]$ . We have

$$|w_{n,1}(t) - w_{k_n,m}(t)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left| \sum_{j=m[k_n t]}^{[nt]-1} h \circ T^j \right| + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{k_n}} - \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \left| \sum_{j=0}^{[k_n t]-1} h_m \circ T^{mj} \right|,$$

which leads to the estimate

$$(3.4) \quad \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_{n,1}(t) - w_{k_n,m}(t)| \right\|_2 \leq \frac{3m}{\sqrt{n}} \left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq n} |h \circ T^l| \right\|_2 + \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{k_n m}{n}} \right) \left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq k_n} |w_{k_n,m}(l/k_n)| \right\|_2.$$

Since  $h \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq n} |h \circ T^l| \right\|_2 = 0.$$

Furthermore, since the sequence  $\|\max_{1 \leq l \leq k} |w_{k,m}(l/k)|\|_2$  is bounded by assumption, and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \sqrt{k_n m/n}) = 0$ , the second term in the right-hand side of (3.4) also tends to 0.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.* From Theorem 3 it follows that there exists  $\tilde{h} \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_T \tilde{h} = 0$  and

$$(3.5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (h - \tilde{h}) \circ T^j \right\|_2 = 0.$$

For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$\tilde{h}_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \tilde{h} \circ T^j \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{w}_{k,m}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{[kt]-1} \tilde{h}_m \circ T^{mj}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . We have  $\mathcal{P}_{T^m} \tilde{h}_m = 0$  for all  $m$ . Thus Theorem 2 implies

$$(3.6) \quad \tilde{w}_{k,m} \rightarrow^d \sqrt{E_\nu(\tilde{h}_m^2 | \mathcal{I}_m)} w$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\mathcal{I}_m$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $T^m$ -invariant sets. Proposition 1, applied to  $T^m$  and  $\tilde{h}_m$ , gives

$$\left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq k} |\tilde{w}_{k,m}(l/k)| \right\|_2 \leq 3 \|\tilde{h}_m\|_2.$$

Therefore, by Proposition 2, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |\tilde{w}_{n,1}(t) - \tilde{w}_{[n/m],m}(t)| \right\|_2 = 0$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , which implies, by Theorem 4.1 in Billingsley [1], that the limit in (3.6) does not depend on  $m$  and is thus equal to  $\sqrt{E_\nu(\tilde{h}^2 | \mathcal{I})} w$ .

To prove (1.3), using Theorem 4.2 in Billingsley [1] we have to show that

$$(3.7) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_n(t) - \tilde{w}_{[n/m],m}(t)| \right\|_2 = 0.$$

Let  $h_m$  and  $w_{k,m}$  be defined as in (3.3). We have

$$(3.8) \quad \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_n(t) - \tilde{w}_{[n/m],m}(t)| \right\|_2 \leq \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_n(t) - w_{[n/m],m}(t)| \right\|_2 \\ + \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_{[n/m],m}(t) - \tilde{w}_{[n/m],m}(t)| \right\|_2.$$

Making use of Proposition 1 with  $T^m$  and  $h_m$  we obtain

$$\left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq k} |w_{k,m}(l/k)| \right\|_2 \leq 3 \|h_m - U_{T^m} \mathcal{P}_{T^m} h_m\|_2 + 4\sqrt{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_{T^m}^i h_m \right\|_2.$$

However

$$\mathcal{P}_{T^m} h_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \mathcal{P}_{T^m} U_{T^j} h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=1}^m \mathcal{P}_T^j h,$$

by (2.2), and thus

$$(3.9) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_{T^m}^i h_m \right\|_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{m2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^i h \right\|_2,$$

and the series is convergent by Lemma 1, which implies that the sequence  $\left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq k} |w_{k,m}(l/k)| \right\|_2$  is bounded for all  $m$ . From Proposition 2 it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_n(t) - w_{[n/m],m}(t)| \right\|_2 = 0.$$

We next turn to estimating the second term in (3.8). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_{k,m}(t) - \tilde{w}_{k,m}(t)| \right\|_2 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq k} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} (h_m - \tilde{h}_m) \circ T^{mj} \right| \right\|_2 \\ &\leq 3 \left\| h_m - \tilde{h}_m - U_{T^m} \mathcal{P}_{T^m} (h_m - \tilde{h}_m) \right\|_2 \\ &\quad + 4\sqrt{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_{T^m}^i (h_m - \tilde{h}_m) \right\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 1. Combining this with (3.9) and the fact that  $\mathcal{P}_{T^m} \tilde{h}_m = 0$  leads to the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |w_{k,m}(t) - \tilde{w}_{k,m}(t)| \right\|_2 &\leq 3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (h - \tilde{h}) \circ T^j \right\|_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m \mathcal{P}_{T^j} h \right\|_2 \\ &\quad + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{m2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^i h \right\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of (3.7), because all terms on the right-hand side tend to 0 as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , by (3.5) and Lemma 1.  $\square$

#### 4. ASYMPTOTICALLY PERIODIC TRANSFORMATIONS

The dynamical properties of what are now known as asymptotically periodic transformations seem to have first been studied by Ionescu Tulcea and Marinescu [10]. These transformations form a perfect example of the central limit theorem results we have discussed in earlier sections, and here we consider them in detail.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. Let us write  $L^1(\mu) = L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ . The elements of the set

$$D(\mu) = \{f \in L^1(\mu) : f \geq 0 \text{ and } \int f(x) \mu(dx) = 1\}$$

are called densities. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a non-singular transformation and  $P : L^1(\mu) \rightarrow L^1(\mu)$  be the corresponding Perron-Frobenius operator. Then (Lasota and Mackey [15])  $(T, \mu)$  is called *asymptotically periodic* if there



exists a sequence of densities  $g_1, \dots, g_r$  and a sequence of bounded linear functionals  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P^n(f - \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j(f)g_j)\|_{L^1(\mu)} = 0$$

for all  $f \in D(\mu)$ . The densities  $g_j$  have disjoint supports ( $g_i g_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ) and  $Pg_j = g_{\alpha(j)}$ , where  $\alpha$  is a permutation of  $\{1, \dots, r\}$ .

If  $(T, \mu)$  is asymptotically periodic and  $r = 1$  in (4.1) then  $(T, \mu)$  is called *asymptotically stable* or *exact* by Lasota and Mackey [15].

Observe that if  $(T, \mu)$  is asymptotically periodic then

$$g_* = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r g_j$$

is an invariant density for  $P$ , i.e.  $Pg_* = g_*$ . The ergodic structure of asymptotically periodic transformations was studied in Inoue and Ishitani [9].

**Remark 1.** Let  $\mu(X) < \infty$ . Recall that  $P$  is a constrictive Perron-Frobenius operator if there exists  $\delta > 0$  and  $\kappa < 1$  such that for every density  $f$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A P^n f(x) \mu(dx) < \kappa$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\mu(A) \leq \delta$ .

It is known that if  $P$  is a constrictive operator then  $(T, \mu)$  is asymptotically periodic (Lasota and Mackey [15, Theorem 5.3.1], see also Kormorník and Lasota [14]), and  $(T, \mu)$  is ergodic if and only if the permutation  $\{\alpha(1), \dots, \alpha(r)\}$  of the sequence  $\{1, \dots, r\}$  is cyclical (Lasota and Mackey [15, Theorem 5.5.1]). In this case we call  $r$  the period of  $T$ .

Let  $(T, \mu)$  be asymptotically periodic and let  $g_*$  be an invariant density for  $P$ . Let  $Y = \text{supp}(g_*) = \{x \in X : g_*(x) > 0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \{A \cap Y : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ , and

$$\nu(A) = \int_A g_*(x) \mu(dx), \quad A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

The measure  $\nu$  is a probability measure invariant under  $T$ . In what follows we write  $L^p(\nu) = L^p(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  for  $p = 1, 2$ . The transfer operator  $\mathcal{P}_T : L^1(\nu) \rightarrow L^1(\nu)$  is given by

$$(4.2) \quad g_* \mathcal{P}_T(f) = P(fg_*) \quad \text{for } f \in L^1(\nu).$$

We now turn to the study of weak convergence of the sequence of processes

$$w_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{[nt]-1} h \circ T^j,$$

where  $h \in L^2(\nu)$  with  $\int h(y) \nu(dy) = 0$ , by considering first the ergodic case and then the non-ergodic case.

4.1.  $(T, \mu)$  **ergodic and asymptotically periodic.** Let the transformation  $(T, \mu)$  be ergodic and asymptotically periodic with period  $r$ . The unique invariant density of  $P$  is given by

$$g_* = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r g_j$$

and  $(T^r, g_j)$  is exact for every  $j = 1, \dots, r$ . Let  $Y_j = \text{supp}(g_j)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ . Note that the set  $B_j = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} T^{-nr}(Y_j)$  is (almost)  $T^r$ -invariant and  $\nu(B_j \setminus Y_j) = 0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ . Since the  $Y_j$  are pairwise disjoint, we have

$$E_\nu(f|\mathcal{I}_r) = \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{1}{\nu(Y_k)} \int_{Y_k} f(y) \nu(dy) 1_{Y_k} \quad \text{for } f \in L^1(\nu),$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_r$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $T^r$ -invariant sets. However  $\nu(Y_k) = 1/r$ , and thus

$$(4.3) \quad E_\nu(f|\mathcal{I}_r) = r \sum_{k=1}^r \int_{Y_k} f(y) \nu(dy) 1_{Y_k} = \sum_{k=1}^r \int_{Y_k} f(y) g_k(y) \mu(dy) 1_{Y_k}.$$

**Theorem 4.** Suppose that  $h \in L^2(\nu)$  with  $\int h(y) \nu(dy) = 0$  is such that

$$(4.4) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_T^k h_r \right\|_2 < \infty, \quad \text{where } h_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} h \circ T^k.$$

Then

$$w_n \rightarrow^d \sigma w,$$

where  $w$  is a standard Brownian motion and  $\sigma \geq 0$  is a constant.

Moreover, if  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int |h_r(y) h_r(T^{rj}(y))| \nu(dy) < \infty$  then  $\sigma$  is given by

$$(4.5) \quad \sigma^2 = r \left( \int_{Y_1} h_r^2(y) \nu(dy) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{Y_1} h_r(y) h_r(T^{rj}(y)) \nu(dy) \right).$$

*Proof.* We have  $h_r \in L^2(\nu)$  and  $\int_Y h_r(y) \nu(dy) = 0$ . Let

$$w_{k,r}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{[kt]-1} h_r \circ T^{rj} \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N}, t \in [0, 1].$$

We can apply Theorem 1 to deduce that

$$w_{k,r} \rightarrow^d \sqrt{E_\nu(\tilde{h}_r^2|\mathcal{I}_r)} w \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_r$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $T^r$  invariant sets and

$$(4.6) \quad E_\nu(\tilde{h}_r^2|\mathcal{I}_r) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} E_\nu \left( \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} h_r \circ T^{rj} \right)^2 | \mathcal{I}_r \right).$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} r^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{r^j} \mathcal{P}^{rk} h_r \right\|_2 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} r^{-j/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{r^{j+1}} \mathcal{P}^k h \right\|_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} r^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{r^j} \mathcal{P}^k h \right\|_2.$$

Thus the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-3/2} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}^k h \right\|_2$$

is convergent by Lemma 2. From Theorem 1 we conclude that there exists  $\tilde{h} \in L^2(\nu)$  such that

$$w_n \xrightarrow{d} \|\tilde{h}\|_2 w$$

since  $T$  is ergodic. However

$$\|\tilde{h}\|_2 = \sqrt{E_{\nu}(\tilde{h}_r^2 | \mathcal{I}_r)},$$

by Proposition 2. Hence  $E_{\nu}(\tilde{h}_r^2 | \mathcal{I}_r)$  is a constant and from (4.3) it follows that for each  $k = 1, \dots, r$  the integral  $\int_{Y_k} \tilde{h}_r^2(y) \nu(dy)$  does not depend on  $k$ . Thus

$$\sigma^2 = \|\tilde{h}\|_2^2 = r \int_{Y_1} \tilde{h}_r^2(y) \nu(dy).$$

Since  $\nu$  is  $T^r$ -invariant, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \int_{Y_k} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} h_r(T^{rj}(y)) \right)^2 \nu(dy) &= \int_{Y_k} h_r^2(y) \nu(dy) \\ &+ 2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^l \int_{Y_k} h_r(y) h_r(T^{rj}(y)) \nu(dy). \end{aligned}$$

By assumption the sequence  $(\sum_{j=1}^n \int_{Y_k} h_r(y) h_r(T^{rj}(y)) \nu(dy))_{n \geq 1}$  is convergent to  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{Y_k} h_r(y) h_r(T^{rj}(y)) \nu(dy)$  which completes the proof when combined with (4.6) and (4.3).  $\square$

**4.2.  $(T, \mu)$  asymptotically periodic but not necessarily ergodic.** Now let us consider  $(T, \mu)$  asymptotically periodic but not ergodic, so that the permutation  $\alpha$  is not cyclical and we can represent it as a product of permutation cycles. Thus we can rephrase the definition of asymptotic periodicity as follows.

Let there exist a sequence of densities

$$(4.7) \quad g_{1,1}, \dots, g_{1,r_1}, \dots, g_{l,1}, \dots, g_{l,r_l}$$

and a sequence of bounded linear functionals  $\lambda_{1,1}, \dots, \lambda_{1,r_1}, \dots, \lambda_{l,1}, \dots, \lambda_{l,r_l}$  such that

$$(4.8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P^n(f - \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} \lambda_{i,j}(f) g_{i,j})\|_{L^1(\mu)} = 0 \quad \text{for all } f \in L^1(\mu),$$

where the densities  $g_{i,j}$  have mutually disjoint supports and for each  $i$ ,  $Pg_{i,j} = g_{i,j+1}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq r_i - 1$ ,  $Pg_{i,r_i} = g_{i,1}$ . Then

$$g_i^* = \frac{1}{r_i} \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} g_{i,j}$$

is an invariant density for  $P$  and  $(T, g_i^*)$  is ergodic for every  $i = 1, \dots, l$ . Let  $g_*$  be a convex combination of  $g_i^*$ , i.e.

$$g_* = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i g_i^*$$

where  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i = 1$ . For simplicity, assume that  $\alpha_i > 0$ .

Let  $Y_i = \text{supp}(g_i^*)$  and  $Y_{i,j} = \text{supp}(g_{i,j})$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, l$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $T$ -invariant sets, then

$$E_\nu(f|\mathcal{I}) = \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{1}{\nu(Y_i)} \int_{Y_i} f(y) \nu(dy) 1_{Y_i} = \sum_{i=1}^l \int_{Y_i} f(y) g_i^*(y) \mu(dy) 1_{Y_i}.$$

Now, if  $\mathcal{I}_r$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $T^r$ -invariant sets with  $r = \prod_{i=1}^l r_i$ , then

$$E_\nu(f|\mathcal{I}_r) = \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{r_i}{\nu(Y_i)} \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} \int_{Y_{i,j}} f(y) \nu(dy) 1_{Y_{i,j}}$$

for  $f \in L^1(\nu)$ , which leads to

$$E_\nu(f|\mathcal{I}_r) = \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} \int_{Y_{i,j}} f(y) g_{i,j}(y) \mu(dy) 1_{Y_{i,j}}.$$

Using similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem 4 we obtain

**Theorem 5.** *Suppose that  $h \in L^2(\nu)$  with  $\int h(y) \nu(dy) = 0$  is such that condition (4.4) holds. Then*

$$w_n \xrightarrow{d} \eta w,$$

where  $w$  is a standard Brownian motion and  $\eta \geq 0$  is a random variable independent of  $w$ .

Moreover, if  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \int |h_r(y) h_r(T^{rj}(y))| \nu(dy) < \infty$  then  $\eta$  is given by

$$\eta = \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{r_i}{\nu(Y_i)} \left( \int_{Y_{i,1}} h_r^2(y) \nu(dy) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^\infty \int_{Y_{i,1}} h_r(y) h_r(T^{rj}(y)) \nu(dy) \right) 1_{Y_i}.$$

**Remark 2.** *Observe that condition (4.4) holds if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\|\mathcal{P}_T^{rn} h_r\|_2}{\sqrt{n}} < \infty.$$

The operator  $\mathcal{P}_T$  is a contraction on  $L^\infty(\nu)$ . Therefore

$$\|\mathcal{P}_T^n f\|_2 \leq \|f\|_\infty^{1/2} \|\mathcal{P}_T^n f\|_1^{1/2} \quad \text{for } f \in L^\infty(\nu), n \geq 1,$$

which allows us to easily check condition (4.4) for specific examples of transformations  $T$ .

It also should be noted that, by (4.2), we have

$$\|\mathcal{P}_T^n f\|_1 = \|P^n(fg_*)\|_{L^1(\mu)} \quad \text{for } f \in L^1(\nu), n \geq 1.$$

**4.3. Piecewise monotonic transformations.** Let  $X$  be a totally ordered, order complete set (usually  $X$  is a compact interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ ). Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Borel subsets of  $X$  and let  $\mu$  be a probability measure on  $X$ . Recall that a function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be of *bounded variation* if

$$\text{var}(f) = \sup \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)| < \infty,$$

where the supremum is taken over all finite ordered sequences,  $(x_j)$  with  $x_j \in X$ . The bounded variation norm is given by

$$\|f\|_{BV} = \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)} + \text{var}(f)$$

and it makes  $BV = \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \text{var}(f) < \infty\}$  into a Banach space.

Let  $T : V \rightarrow X$  be a continuous map,  $V \subset X$  be open and dense with  $\mu(V) = 1$ . We call  $(T, \mu)$  a *piecewise uniformly expanding map* if:

- (1) There exists a countable family  $\mathcal{Z}$  of closed intervals with disjoint interiors such that  $V \subset \bigcup_{Z \in \mathcal{Z}} Z$  and for any  $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$  the set  $Z \cap (X \setminus V)$  consists exactly of the endpoints of  $Z$ .
- (2) For any  $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$ ,  $T|_{Z \cap V}$  admits an extension to a homeomorphism from  $Z$  to some interval.
- (3) There exists a function  $g : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , with bounded variation,  $g|_{X \setminus V} = 0$  such that the Perron-Frobenius operator  $P : L^1(\mu) \rightarrow L^1(\mu)$  is of the form

$$Pf(x) = \sum_{z \in T^{-1}(x)} g(z)f(z).$$

- (4)  $T$  is expanding:  $\sup_{x \in V} g(x) < 1$ .

The following result is due to Rychlik [26]

**Theorem 6.** *If  $(T, \mu)$  is a piecewise uniformly expanding map then it satisfies (4.8) with  $g_{i,j} \in BV$ . Moreover, there exist constants  $C > 0$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  such that for every function  $f$  of bounded variation and all  $n \geq 1$*

$$\|P^{rn} f - Q(f)\|_{L^1(\mu)} \leq C\theta^n \|f\|_{BV},$$

where  $r = \prod_{i=1}^l r_i$  and

$$Q(f) = \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} \int_{Y_{i,j}} f(x) \mu(dx) g_{i,j}.$$

This result and Remark 2 imply

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $(T, \mu)$  be a piecewise uniformly expanding map and  $\nu$  an invariant measure which is absolutely continuous with respect to measure  $\mu$ . If  $h$  is a function of bounded variation with  $E_\nu(h|\mathcal{I}) = 0$  then condition (4.4) holds.*

**Remark 3.** *AFU-maps (Uniformly expanding maps satisfying Adler's condition with a Finite image condition, which are interval maps with a finite number of indifferent fixed points) studied in Zweimüller [35], are asymptotically periodic when they have an absolutely continuous invariant probability measure. However, the decay of the  $L^1$  norm may not be exponential. For Hölder continuous functions  $h$  one might use the results of Young [34] to obtain bounds on this norm and then apply our results.*

**4.4. Calculation of variance for the family of tent maps using Theorem 4.** Let  $T$  be the generalized tent map on  $[-1, 1]$  defined by

$$(4.9) \quad T_a(x) = a - 1 - a|x| \quad \text{for } x \in [-1, 1],$$

where  $a \in (1, 2]$ . The Perron-Frobenius operator  $P : L^1(\mu) \rightarrow L^1(\mu)$  is given by

$$(4.10) \quad Pf(x) = \frac{1}{a} (f(\psi_a^-(x)) + f(\psi_a^+(x))) 1_{[-1, a-1]}(x),$$

where  $\psi_a^-$  and  $\psi_a^+$  are the inverse branches of  $T_a$

$$(4.11) \quad \psi_a^-(x) = \frac{x + 1 - a}{a}, \quad \psi_a^+(x) = -\frac{x + 1 - a}{a}$$

and  $\mu$  is the normalized Lebesgue measure on  $[-1, 1]$ .

Ito et al. [11] have shown that the tent map Equation 4.9 is ergodic, thus possessing a unique invariant density  $g_a$ . Provatas and Mackey [24] have proved the asymptotic periodicity of (4.9) with period  $r = 2^m$  for

$$2^{1/2^{m+1}} < a \leq 2^{1/2^m} \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus, for example,  $(T, \mu)$  has period 1 for  $2^{1/2} < a \leq 2$ , period 2 for  $2^{1/4} < a \leq 2^{1/2}$ , period 4 for  $2^{1/8} < a \leq 2^{1/4}$ , etc.

Let  $Y = \text{supp}(g_a)$  and  $\nu_a(dy) = g_a(y)\mu(dy)$ . For all  $1 < a \leq 2$  we have  $T_a(A) = A$  with  $A = [T_a^2(0), T_a(0)]$  and  $g_a(x) = 0$  for  $x \in [-1, 1] \setminus A$ . If  $\sqrt{2} < a \leq 2$  then  $g_a$  is strictly positive in  $A$ , thus  $Y = A$  in this case. For  $a \leq \sqrt{2}$  we have  $Y \subset A$ . The transfer operator  $\mathcal{P}_a : L^1(\nu_a) \rightarrow L^1(\nu_a)$  is given by

$$\mathcal{P}_a f = \frac{P(fg_a)}{g_a} \quad \text{for } f \in L^1(\nu_a),$$

where  $P$  is the Perron-Frobenius operator (4.10).

If  $h$  is a function of bounded variation on  $[-1, 1]$  with  $\int_{-1}^1 h(y)\nu_a(dy) = 0$  and

$$w_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{[nt]-1} h \circ T_a^j,$$

then there exists a constant  $\sigma(h) \geq 0$  such that

$$w_n \rightarrow^d \sigma(h)w,$$

where  $w$  is a standard Brownian motion. In particular, we are going to study  $\sigma(h)$  for the specific example of  $h = h_a$  for  $a \in (1, 2]$ , where

$$h_a(y) = y - \mathfrak{m}_a, \quad y \in [-1, 1], \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{m}_a = \int_{[-1, 1]} yg_a(y) dy.$$

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $m \geq 1$  and  $2^{1/2^{m+1}} < a \leq 2^{1/2^m}$ . Then*

$$(4.12) \quad \sigma(h_a) = \frac{\sigma(h_{a^{2^m}})a(a-1)}{\sqrt{2^m}a^{2^m}(a^{2^m}-1)} \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} (a^{2^k} - 1)^2,$$

where

$$(4.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma(h_{a^{2^m}})^2 &= 2 \int h_{a^{2^m}}(y) f_{a^{2^m}}(y) \nu_{a^{2^m}}(dy) - \int h_{a^{2^m}}^2(y) \nu_{a^{2^m}}(dy) \\ \text{and} \quad f_{a^{2^m}} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_{a^{2^m}}^n h_{a^{2^m}}. \end{aligned}$$

In general, an explicit representation for (4.13) is not known. Hence, before turning to a proof of Proposition 3, we first give the simplest example in which  $\sigma(h_{a^{2^m}})^2$  can be calculated exactly.

**Example 2.** *For  $a = 2$  the invariant density for the transformation  $T_a$  is  $g_2 = \frac{1}{2}1_{[-1, 1]}$  and the transfer operator  $\mathcal{P}_2: L^1(\nu_2) \rightarrow L^1(\nu_2)$  has the same form as  $P$  in (4.10)*

$$\mathcal{P}_2 f = \frac{1}{2}(f \circ \psi_2^- + f \circ \psi_2^+).$$

Since  $\int_{-1}^1 y dy = 0$ , we have  $h_2(y) = y$ . We also have  $\mathcal{P}_2 h_2 = 0$ . Thus

$$\sigma(h_2)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 y^2 dy = 1/3$$

and Proposition 3 gives  $\sigma(h_a)$  for  $a = 2^{1/2^m}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ .

We now summarize some properties of the tent map [33], which will allow us to prove Proposition 3. Let  $I_0 = [x^*(a), x^*(a)(1 + \frac{2}{a})]$  and  $I_1 = [-x^*(a), x^*(a)]$ , where  $x^*(a)$  is the fixed point of  $T_a$  other than  $-1$ , i.e.

$$x^*(a) = \frac{a-1}{a+1}.$$

Define transformations  $\phi_{ia}: I_i \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  by

$$\phi_{1a}(x) = -\frac{1}{x^*(a)}x \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_{0a}(x) = \frac{a}{x^*(a)}x - a - 1.$$

We have

$$(4.14) \quad \phi_{1a}^{-1}(x) = -x^*(a)x \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_{0a}^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^*(a)}{a}(x + a + 1).$$

Then for  $1 < a \leq \sqrt{2}$  the map  $T_a^2 : I_i \rightarrow I_i$  is conjugate to  $T_{a^2} : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$

$$(4.15) \quad T_{a^2} = \phi_{ia} \circ T_a^2 \circ \phi_{ia}^{-1}$$

and the invariant density of  $T_a$  is given by

$$(4.16) \quad g_a(y) = \frac{1}{2x^*(a)} (ag_{a^2}(\phi_{0a}(y))1_{I_0}(y) + g_{a^2}(\phi_{1a}(y))1_{I_1}(y)).$$

**Lemma 3.** *If  $a \in (1, \sqrt{2}]$  then*

$$(4.17) \quad m_a = \frac{a-1}{2a} - \frac{(a-1)x^*(a)}{2a} m_{a^2}$$

and

$$(4.18) \quad (h_a + h_a \circ T_a) \circ \phi_{0a}^{-1} = \frac{(1-a)x^*(a)}{a} h_{a^2}$$

*Proof.* Equation (4.17) follows from (4.16) and (4.14), while (4.18) is a direct consequence of the definition of  $\phi_{0a}^{-1}$ , the fact that  $I_0 \subset [0, 1]$ , and (4.17).  $\square$

Let  $m \geq 1$ . For  $2^{1/2^{m+1}} < a \leq 2^{1/2^m}$  there exist  $2^m$  disjoint intervals in which  $g_a$  is strictly positive and they are defined by

$$Y_j^m = \Phi_{jm}^{-1}([T_{a^{2^m}}^2(0), T_{a^{2^m}}(0)]),$$

where

$$\Phi_{jm} = \phi_{i_m a^{2^{m-1}}} \circ \phi_{i_{m-1} a^{2^{m-2}}} \circ \dots \circ \phi_{i_2 a^2} \circ \phi_{i_1 a}$$

and  $j = 1 + i_1 + 2i_2 + \dots + 2^{m-1}i_m$ ,  $i_k = 0, 1$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ . We have  $T_a(Y_j^m) = Y_{j+1}^m$  for  $1 \leq j \leq 2^m - 1$  and  $T_a(Y_{2^m}^m) = Y_1^m$ . In particular, we have

$$(4.19) \quad Y_1^{m+1} = \phi_{0a}^{-1}(Y_1^m) \quad \text{for } m \geq 0,$$

where  $Y_1^0 = [T_{a^2}^2(0), T_{a^2}(0)]$ .

**Lemma 4.** *Define*

$$(4.20) \quad h_{r,a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} h_a \circ T_a^k \quad \text{for } r \geq 1, a \in (1, 2].$$

Let  $m \geq 0$  and  $r = 2^m$ . If  $2^{1/4^r} < a \leq 2^{1/2^r}$  then

$$(4.21) \quad \int_{Y_1^{m+1}} h_{2r,a}(y) h_{2r,a}(T_a^{2rn}(y)) \nu_a(dy) = \frac{(1-a)^2 x^*(a)^2}{2^2 a^2} \int_{Y_1^m} h_{r,a^2}(y) h_{r,a^2}(T_{a^2}^{rn}(y)) \nu_{a^2}(dy)$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ .



*Proof.* First observe that

$$(4.22) \quad h_{2r,a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} h_{2,a} \circ T_a^{2k}.$$

Let  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $\phi_{0a}^{-1}(\phi_{0a}(y)) = y$  for  $y \in [-1, 1]$ , a change of variables using (4.19) and (4.16) gives

$$(4.23) \quad \int_{Y_1^{m+1}} h_{2r,a}(y) h_{2r,a}(T_a^{2rn}(y)) \nu_a(dy) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{Y_1^m} h_{2r,a}(\phi_{0a}^{-1}(y)) h_{2r,a}(T_a^{2rn}(\phi_{0a}^{-1}(y))) \nu_{a^2}(dy).$$

We have  $T_a^{2k} \circ \phi_{0a}^{-1} = \phi_{0a}^{-1} \circ T_{a^2}^k$  for all  $k \geq 0$  by (4.15). Thus  $T_a^{2rn} \circ \phi_{0a}^{-1} = \phi_{0a}^{-1} \circ T_{a^2}^{rn}$  and from (4.22) it follows that

$$h_{2r,a} \circ \phi_{0a}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} h_{2,a} \circ \phi_{0a}^{-1} \circ T_{a^2}^k.$$

By Lemma 3 we obtain

$$h_{2,a} \circ \phi_{0a}^{-1} = \frac{(1-a)x^*(a)}{\sqrt{2}a} h_{a^2}.$$

Hence

$$h_{2r,a} \circ \phi_{0a}^{-1} = \frac{(1-a)x^*(a)}{\sqrt{2}a} h_{r,a^2},$$

which, when substituted into equation (4.23), completes the proof.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 3.* First, we show that if  $m \geq 1$  and  $2^{1/2^{m+1}} < a \leq 2^{1/2^m}$  then

$$(4.24) \quad \sigma(h_a) = \frac{\sigma(h_{a^{2^m}})}{\sqrt{2^m} a^{2^m-1}} \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} x^*(a^{2^k})(a^{2^k} - 1).$$

Let  $m \geq 1$  and  $2^{1/2^{m+1}} < a \leq 2^{1/2^m}$ . Since the transformation  $T_a$  is asymptotically periodic with period  $2^m$ , Theorem 4 gives

$$\sigma(h_a)^2 = 2^m \left( \int_{Y_1^m} h_{2^m,a}^2(y) \nu_a(dy) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{Y_1^m} h_{2^m,a}(y) h_{2^m,a}(T_a^{2^m j}(y)) \nu_a(dy) \right).$$

We have  $a^2 \in (2^{1/2^m}, 2^{1/2^{m-1}}]$  and the transformation  $T_{a^2}$  is asymptotically periodic with period  $r = 2^{m-1}$ . From (4.21) with  $r = 2^{m-1}$  and Theorem 4 it follows that

$$\sigma(h_a)^2 = \frac{(a-1)^2 x^*(a)^2}{2a^2} \sigma(h_{a^2})^2.$$

Thus equation (4.24) follows immediately by an induction argument on  $m$ . Finally, we have for each  $k = 0, \dots, m-1$

$$x^*(a^{2^k})(a^{2^k} - 1) = \frac{a^{2^k} - 1}{a^{2^k} + 1}(a^{2^k} - 1) = \frac{(a^{2^k} - 1)^3}{a^{2^{k+1}} - 1}$$

and equation (4.12) holds. Since  $a^{2^m} > \sqrt{2}$  the function  $f_{a^{2^m}}$  is well defined and

$$\int h_{a^{2^m}}(y) f_{a^{2^m}}(y) \nu_{a^{2^m}}(dy) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int h_{a^{2^m}}(y) h_{a^{2^m}}(T_{a^{2^m}}^n(y)) \nu_{a^{2^m}}(dy),$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

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#### APPENDIX A. PROOF OF THE MAXIMAL INEQUALITY

*Proof of Proposition 1.* We will prove (3.1) inductively. If  $n = 1$  and  $q = 1$  we have

$$\|f\|_2 \leq \|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 + \|U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 = \|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 + \Delta_1(f)$$

by the invariance of  $\nu$  under  $T$ . Now assume that (3.1) holds for all  $n < 2^{q-1}$ . Fix  $n$ ,  $2^{q-1} \leq n < 2^q$ . By the triangle inequality

$$(A.1) \quad \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} f \circ T^j \right| \leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^j \right| + \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} U_T \mathcal{P}_T f \circ T^j \right|.$$

We first show that

$$(A.2) \quad \left\| \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^j \right| \right\|_2 \leq 3\sqrt{n} \|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2.$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^j \right| &\leq \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^j \right| \\ &\quad + \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^{n-j} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{P}_T(f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) = 0$ , we see that

$$\left\| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^j \right\|_2 = \sqrt{n} \|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2.$$

For every  $n$  the family  $\{\sum_{j=1}^k (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^{n-j} : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  is a martingale with respect to  $\{T^{-n+k}(\mathcal{B}) : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ . Thus by the Doob maximal inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^{n-j} \right| \right\|_2 &\leq 2 \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n (f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \circ T^{n-j} \right\|_2 \\ &= 2\sqrt{n} \|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of (A.2).

Now consider the second term on the right hand side of (A.1). Writing  $n = 2m$  or  $n = 2m + 1$  yields

$$(A.3) \quad \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} U_T \mathcal{P}_T f \circ T^j \right| \leq \max_{1 \leq l \leq m} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} f_1 \circ T^{2j} \right| + \max_{0 \leq l \leq m} |U_T \mathcal{P}_T f \circ T^{2l}|,$$

where  $f_1 = U_{T^2} \mathcal{P}_T f + U_T \mathcal{P}_T f$ . To estimate the norm of the second term in the right hand side of (A.3), observe that

$$\max_{0 \leq l \leq m} |U_T \mathcal{P}_T f \circ T^{2l}|^2 \leq \sum_{l=0}^m |U_T \mathcal{P}_T f \circ T^{2l}|^2,$$

which leads to

$$(A.4) \quad \left\| \max_{0 \leq l \leq m} |U_T \mathcal{P}_T f \circ T^{2l}| \right\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m+1} \|\mathcal{P}_T f\|_2,$$

since  $\nu$  is invariant under  $T$ . Further, since  $m < 2^{q-1}$ , the measure  $\nu$  is invariant under  $T^2$ , and  $f_1 \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ , we can use the induction hypothesis. We thus obtain

$$\left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq m} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} f_1 \circ T^{2j} \right| \right\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m} \left( 3 \|f_1 - U_{T^2} \mathcal{P}_{T^2} f_1\|_2 + 4\sqrt{2} \Delta_{q-1}(f_1) \right).$$

We have  $f_1 - U_{T^2} \mathcal{P}_{T^2} f_1 = U_T \mathcal{P}_T f - U_{T^2} \mathcal{P}_{T^2} f$ , by (2.2), which implies

$$\|f_1 - U_{T^2} \mathcal{P}_{T^2} f_1\|_2 \leq \|\mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 + \|\mathcal{P}_{T^2} f\|_2 \leq 2\|\mathcal{P}_T f\|_2,$$

since  $\mathcal{P}_T$  is a contraction. We also have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{q-1}(f_1) &= \sum_{j=0}^{q-2} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_{T^2}^k f_1 \right\|_2 = \sum_{j=0}^{q-2} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^{2k} f_1 \right\|_2 \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{q-2} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^{2k} (U_{T^2} \mathcal{P}_T f + U_T \mathcal{P}_T f) \right\|_2 \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{q-2} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^{j+1}} \mathcal{P}_T^k f \right\|_2 = \sqrt{2} \left( \Delta_q(f) - \|\mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 \right).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left\| \max_{1 \leq l \leq m} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} f_1 \circ T^{2j} \right| \right\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m} (8\Delta_q(f) - 2\|\mathcal{P}_T f\|_2),$$

which combined with (A.1) through (A.4) and the fact that  $\sqrt{m+1} \leq \sqrt{2m} \leq \sqrt{n}$  leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k f \circ T^{n-j} \right| \right\|_2 &\leq 3\sqrt{n} \|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 + \sqrt{m+1} \|\mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 \\ &\quad + \sqrt{2m} (4\sqrt{2}\Delta_q(f) - \sqrt{2}\|\mathcal{P}_T f\|_2) \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} (3\|f - U_T \mathcal{P}_T f\|_2 + 4\sqrt{2}\Delta_q(f)). \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

#### APPENDIX B. THE LIMITING RANDOM VARIABLE $\eta$

Finally, we give a series expansion of  $E_\nu(\tilde{h}^2|\mathcal{I})$  in Theorem 1 in terms of  $h$  and iterates of  $T$ .

**Proposition 4.** *Suppose  $h \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  with  $\int h(y)\nu(dy) = 0$  is such that*

$$(B.1) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j/2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^k h \right\|_2 < \infty.$$

*Then the following limit exists in  $L^1$*

$$(B.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_\nu(S_n^2|\mathcal{I})}{n} = E_\nu(h^2|\mathcal{I}) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j}|\mathcal{I})}{2^j},$$

*where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $T$ -invariant sets and  $S_n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} h \circ T^j$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Moreover, if  $\tilde{h} \in L^2(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  is such that  $\mathcal{P}_T \tilde{h} = 0$  and  $\left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (h - \tilde{h}) \circ T^j \right\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then*

$$(B.3) \quad E_\nu(\tilde{h}^2|\mathcal{I}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_\nu(S_n^2|\mathcal{I})}{n}.$$

*Proof.* We first prove that the series in the right-hand side of (B.2) is convergent in  $L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ . Since  $\mathcal{I} \subset T^{-2^j}(\mathcal{B})$  for all  $j$ , we see that

$$E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} | \mathcal{I}) = E_\nu(E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} | T^{-2^j}(\mathcal{B})) | \mathcal{I}).$$

As  $S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j}$  is  $T^{-2^j}(\mathcal{B})$ -measurable and integrable we have

$$E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} | T^{-2^j}(\mathcal{B})) = S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} E_\nu(S_{2^j} | T^{-2^j}(\mathcal{B})).$$

However,  $E_\nu(S_{2^j} | T^{-2^j}(\mathcal{B})) = U_T^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^{2^j} S_{2^j}$  from (2.2). Consequently,

$$(B.4) \quad E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} | \mathcal{I}) = E_\nu(S_{2^j} \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^k h | \mathcal{I}).$$

Since the conditional expectation operator is a contraction in  $L^1$ , we have

$$\|E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} | \mathcal{I})\|_1 \leq \|S_{2^j} \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^k h\|_1,$$

which, by the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, leads to

$$\|E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} | \mathcal{I})\|_1 \leq \|S_{2^j}\|_2 \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^k h \right\|_2.$$

Since  $\|S_{2^j}\|_2 \leq \|\max_{1 \leq l \leq 2^j} |S_l|\|_2$ , the sequence  $\|S_{2^j}\|_2 / 2^{j/2}$  is bounded by (B.1), Lemma 2, and Proposition 1. Hence

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\|S_{2^j}\|_2 \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^k h \right\|_2}{2^j} \leq C \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} \mathcal{P}_T^k h \right\|_2}{2^{j/2}} < \infty,$$

which proves the convergence in  $L^1$  of the series in (B.2).

We now prove the equality in (B.2). Since

$$S_{2^m}^2 = (S_{2^{m-1}} + S_{2^{m-1}} \circ T^{2^{m-1}})^2 = S_{2^{m-1}}^2 + S_{2^{m-1}}^2 \circ T^{2^{m-1}} + 2S_{2^{m-1}} S_{2^{m-1}} \circ T^{2^{m-1}},$$

we obtain

$$E_\nu(S_{2^m}^2 | \mathcal{I}) = 2E_\nu(S_{2^{m-1}}^2 | \mathcal{I}) + 2E_\nu(S_{2^{m-1}} S_{2^{m-1}} \circ T^{2^{m-1}} | \mathcal{I}),$$

which leads to

$$\frac{E_\nu(S_{2^m}^2 | \mathcal{I})}{2^m} = E_\nu(h^2 | \mathcal{I}) + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{E_\nu(S_{2^j} S_{2^j} \circ T^{2^j} | \mathcal{I})}{2^j}.$$

Thus the limit in the left-hand side of (B.2) exists for the subsequence  $n = 2^m$  and the equality holds. An analysis similar to that in the proof of Proposition 2.1 in Peligrad and Utev [22] shows that the whole sequence is convergent, which completes the proof of (B.2).

We now turn to the proof of (B.3). Let  $\tilde{h}$  be such that  $\mathcal{P}_T \tilde{h} = 0$ . Define  $\tilde{S}_n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \tilde{h} \circ T^j$ . Substituting  $\tilde{h}$  into (B.1) and (B.4) gives

$$E_\nu(\tilde{h}^2|\mathcal{I}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_\nu(\tilde{S}_n^2|\mathcal{I})}{n}.$$

We have

$$\left\| \frac{E_\nu(\tilde{S}_n^2|\mathcal{I})}{n} - \frac{E_\nu(S_n^2|\mathcal{I})}{n} \right\|_1 \leq \left\| \frac{\tilde{S}_n^2}{n} - \frac{S_n^2}{n} \right\|_1 \leq \left\| \frac{\tilde{S}_n}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \right\|_2 \left\| \frac{\tilde{S}_n}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \right\|_2$$

by the Hölder inequality, which implies (B.3) when combined with the equality  $\left\| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \tilde{h} \circ T^j \right\|_2 = \sqrt{n} \|\tilde{h}\|_2$ , and the assumption  $\left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (h - \tilde{h}) \circ T^j \right\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

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